**Piedmont Intergroup Meeting Minutes**

**February 8, 2020 @ 11:35 AM – ANNUVIA ROOM G**

**Attendees –** Susan W (WSO – acting chair), Justin (Treasurer), Richard (SOAR) Jim (Parliamentarian, Carol (Lake Norman, Group Outreach, Unity Day Coordinator), Edna (Ft Mill, Lake Wylie), Alice (Sat am charlotte, webmaster)

The agenda was modified to include Unity Day under Old Business and remove IDEA day.

No minutes were recorded for January.

The Treasurer’s report was approved. The full report showing contributions per group will reside on the website. Groups can mail contributions to

Justin Capps, 424 Beaufort Avenue, Apt. 4. Charlotte NC. 28204

Groups are reminded that the Piedmont Intergroup sends money to SOAR and WSO for its member groups. Groups need only contribute money to Piedmont Intergroup. If a group wants to make separate contributions to the Intergroup, SOAR and WSO (60,30,10% of funds beyond group expenses) please let the treasurer know so the appropriate adjustments can be made in the Intergroup’s contributions.

**Info Line Report** – Two calls were received, one from a newcomer and one from a member moving to our area. Richard has committed to testing that the InfoLine email address works with the phone service by next month.

**Meeting List Report** Updated meeting lists were distributed via the website and the piedmont intergroup mailing list. Individuals and groups can download and print the meeting schedule as needed. Updates are made as needed. The Cornelius 6:30 Tuesday meeting needs support. The Friday 1030 Charlotte meeting has been removed from the schedule.

**Website Report –** Current. Groups are encouraged to use the website to find and report OA events.

**Group Outreach**- Carol is working on a plan to visit the groups and encourage representation. Edna will work with her and has volunteered to contact groups near her home to encourage intergroup participation.

**SOAR8 Region** – Richard attends the business assembly in Baton Rouge scheduled for March 20-22. He is a member of the Motions Review and Compliance SubCommittee, and will present the following motions for bylaw changes:

a. Wording: “There ~~Will~~ May be a consent agenda as determined by chair”

b. Rules: “a ~~3/4~~ 2/3 vote needed to adopt consent agenda rules”

c. Wording: “~~Technology/Website Chair~~ Webmaster”

d. Responsibilities: Financial duties under Ways&Means Committee are changed to treasurer”

Other SOAR Activities of note:

1. IGOR – Intergroup Outreach – works with unaffiliated IGs to encourage regional participation, sharing information among IGs, maintain list of IG Sponsors, fund representatives, support IG Chairs Program
2. ByLaw/Electronic Document – newsletters and transition to paperless
3. PIOP – carry message to public and professionals in the communities and to help IGs to carry the message
4. 12th Step Within – membership retention, strengthen IGs, recovering wellness in IGs, lists of sponsors, mentors, speakers
5. Diversity – help IGs in attracting diverse populations. Supports the Young People Committee.

**WSO Report** – Susan gathered input from the IG representatives on the motions to be discussed at the 2020 WSBC. The majority of respondents were in favor of discussing all the proposed topics except the proposed two new tools.  Registration is now open for the Sunshine of the Spirit OA World Convention in Orlando, Florida. <https://oa.org/members/events/world-service-convention/>

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NC State Convention** –Early bird registration is underway until February 21st. Please encourage members to register for the convention and reserve a hotel room.

**Communications with Intergroup Reps** – no updates

**Unity day** : Carol presented a great agenda and noted the flyer on the website may need to have a double word corrected. It was suggested that 100 copies of the meeting list be printed and distributed at Unity Day.

**Insurance:** Richard provided reports on two types of insurance. The decision was made to continue discussing the need for Directors and Officer insurance and to have the retreat committee propose a plan for retreat insurance.

“Directors and Officer” general liability insurance will cost a minimum of $450 per year. Consultation with an attorney specializing in private non-profit associations advised we are of extremely limited risk given assets of less than $10,000. He suggested we consider if we want to spend the money for our own sense of security. D&O liability is liability payable to the directors and officers of a company, or to the organization itself, as indemnification (reimbursement) for losses or advancement of defense costs in the event an insured suffers such a loss as a result of a legal action brought for alleged wrongful acts in their capacity as directors and officers.

Event Liability Insurance – OA Carolinas for State Convention in May would cost range from $218 for $100,000/200,000 and $395 for (1mil/3mil). Richard will ask for a cost to insurance the fall retreat. .

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Hosting a SOAR 8 Assembly / Convention:** Discussion postponed until March.

**Open Intergroup Positions** – Volunteers are needed to fill the Secretary and the Vice Chair on the board.

**Upcoming Dates**

Unity Day – February 29, 2020.

<http://piedmontintergroup.org/events/unity-day-our-common-welfare-should-come-first-personal-recovery-depends-on-oa-unity/>

Piedmont Intergroup Meeting, 100 Billingsley Road, Charlotte, NC 11:35 amMarch 14, 2020,

SOAR Business Assembly, Baton Rouge, LA, March 20-22, 2020

<https://oaregion8.org/r8-assemblies/upcoming-assemblies/march-2020-assembly>

WSBC – April 20, 2020 through April 25, 2020

<https://oa.org/members/events/world-service-business-conference/>

OA Carolinas Convention, Winston-Salem, NC – May 1, 2020 through May 3, 2020

<http://piedmontintergroup.org/oa-carolinas-2020-convention/>

OA World Convention Sunshine of the Spirit in Orlando, Florida August 20, 2020 through August 22, 2020

<https://oa.org/members/events/world-service-convention/>

Mountain Miracles Fall Retreat, Christmont Center, Black Mountain, NC, September 25-27,2020